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**A. The National Reconnaissance Program**

1. The NRP is a single program, national in character, to be developed and maintained through a cooperative endeavor on the part of the DOD and CIA. The potentialities of U.S. technology must be aggressively and imaginatively exploited to develop systems for the collection of intelligence which are fully responsive to national intelligence needs and objectives. Scheduling and targeting of satellite and manned aircraft reconnaissance missions over denied areas shall be the responsibility of the DCI and the United States Intelligence Board (USIB).

2. The Secretary of Defense shall act as the executive agent for the National Reconnaissance Program and will establish a National Reconnaissance Office as a separate operating Agency of the DOD to carry out this responsibility.

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The Director of the NRO will be appointed by the Secretary of Defense with the concurrence of the DCI from among the civilian officers of the Department of Defense.

The Director of the NRO will receive his guidance and report to an Executive Committee consisting of the Deputy Secretary of Defense and the DCI which will be established to formulate, guide and regulate the NRP. Specifically, the Executive Committee will:

1. Establish an appropriate level of effort for the NRP in response to reconnaissance requirements provided by USIB and in the light of technical capabilities and fiscal limitations.
2. Approve or modify the consolidated NR program and its budget.
3. Acting through the DNR, allocate responsibility and the corresponding funds to CIA and/or DOD for research and preliminary design studies for new systems.
4. Allocate development responsibilities and the corresponding funds for specific reconnaissance programs to DOD or CIA, and establish guidelines for mutual support where appropriate. It shall be free to use technical advisory groups as necessary.

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5. Assign operational responsibilities to either DOD or CIA for various types of manned over-flight missions, subject to the concurrence, of the 303 Committee.

6. Review periodically the essential features of the major program elements of the NRP.

An Executive Committee consisting of the Deputy Secretary of Defense and the DCI is hereby established to formulate, guide and regulate the National Reconnaissance Program. The Scientific Advisor to the President will serve as an ex officio member of the Committee.

The Executive Committee will be responsible for

1. Establishing an appropriate level of effort for the National Reconnaissance Program in response to National Reconnaissance requirements provided by USIB.

2. Approving and modifying the budget for the National Reconnaissance Program.

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3. Approving the allocation of responsibilities and the corresponding funds to CIA and DOD for research and preliminary design studies for new systems.

4. Assign to CIA advanced engineering development or operational development programs in exceptional cases.

5. Assign operational responsibility for manned overflight missions to either DOD or CIA, subject to the concurrence of the 303 Committee.

6. Periodically review the essential features of the major program elements of the National Reconnaissance Program.

The NRO shall be jointly staffed by personnel from the CIA and the three military departments and other DOD agencies. All NRO personnel will serve solely under the direction and supervision of the DNRO.

A Deputy Director appointed from among the officers and employees of the Central Intelligence Agency by the Director of Central Intelligence with the concurrence of

the Secretary of Defense. The Deputy Director NRO shall be in the chain of command directly under the Director NRO and shall at all times be kept fully and currently informed as to all activities of the National Reconnaissance Program. The Deputy Director shall act for, and exercise the powers of the Director, NRO, during his absence or disability,

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The NRO shall be jointly staffed in a balanced way by personnel from the CIA, and three military departments and other DOD agencies. All NRO personnel will serve solely under the direction and supervision of the DNRO.

An initial assignment of procurement and operational responsibilities to CIA and the departments of DOD will be made by the ExCom before this agreement goes into effect.

Duties and Responsibilities of the DNRO (to be filled in):

SECURITY:

The Director of Central Intelligence, in accordance with his statutory responsibilities for protection of intelligence sources and methods, shall

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be responsible for the over-all security policy of the NRP. The DNRO will be responsible for the coordination of security matters within the respective elements of the NRP in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Executive Committee. Release of public information shall be coordinated with the DCI. The CIA shall maintain a central record of all security clearances related to the NRP.

To implement the DCI's responsibility for targetting and scheduling of satellite reconnaissance missions, the Satellite Operations Center will be a function of the CIA. This Center will be responsible for selecting the orbit choice and camera programming for individual missions and providing guidance for the on-orbit tasking of satellite vehicles. In response to USIB requirements and within

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the constraints imposed by vehicle availability, it will determine the desired launch schedule.

**C. Satellite Reconnaissance Operations:**

1. When a satellite reconnaissance payload has been developed, it becomes a part of the operational assets of the NRP. Such payloads, together with appropriate rocket boosters, launch facilities, tracking/communication networks, and recovery forces must be combined in an orderly program to acquire intelligence information in response to USIB requirements. The conduct of this operational satellite reconnaissance program will be the responsibility of the DNRO.

2. The DNRO will establish a launching schedule for all satellite reconnaissance payloads in response to expressed USIB requirements. The DNRO will ensure that adequate launch vehicles and payloads are procured to meet this schedule and recommend budget

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levels in CIA and DOD to support this procurement. He will also support payload development flights with launch support and schedule such tests so as to be compatible with the basic operational schedule for acquisition of intelligence.

3. The DOD will create a single satellite reconnaissance operational organization which will be responsible for the launch, command and tracking and recovery phases of all satellite operations.

4. Satellite payloads for the program will be procured by the agencies responsible for their development and improvement. The components of these payloads will be accepted, assembled, tested, and programmed by the developing agency at suitable facilities near the launching site. These payloads will then be provided to the launching organization as certified equipment ready for flight on the schedule established by the DNRO.

5. The Satellite Requirements Program Center, formerly known as "Satellite Operations Center," shall

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be responsive to USIB requirements and will function as the responsibility of CIA. It has the responsibility of providing the operational mission intelligence guidance, i.e., final orbit choice, camera programming, etc.

An initial organization plan and assignment of key officers to the National Reconnaissance Office will be created and agreed to by the members of the Executive Committee before this agreement goes into effect.

**BUDGET:**

A separate NRP funding agreement will be entered into and made part of this agreement.

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(ADDENDA):

Covert manned overflights of denied areas will be the responsibility of the CIA. These missions will be planned by CIA in response to USIB target coverage requirements and flown with the approval of the 303 Committee. The DNRO will be kept fully informed of such planning and operations. To meet the present requirements, CIA will continue to operate the IDEALIST (U-2) force as required.

It will continue to operate the OXCART force

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Overt manned overflights of denied territory or overt missions covering friendly territory will generally be executed by the DOD to meet established intelligence requirements as approved by the 303 Committee. The Joint Reconnaissance Center of the JCS will plan these missions in response to USIB and/or vehicle command targetting requirements.

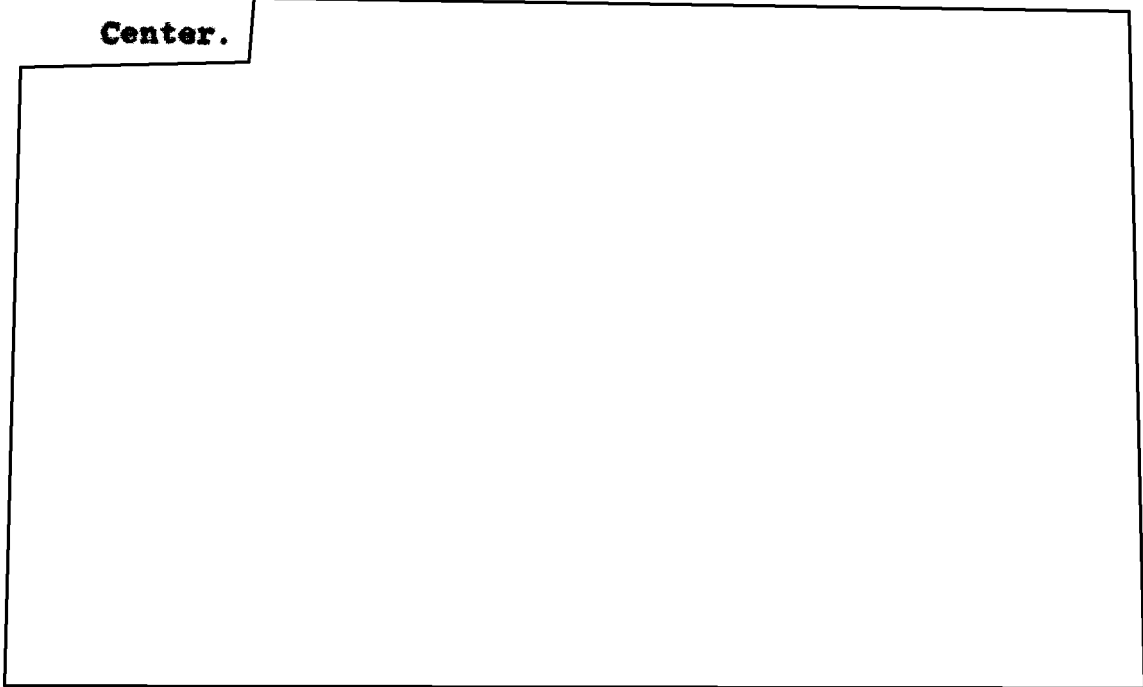
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The JRC will keep the DNRO fully informed on all such mission planning and execution. To carry out these responsibilities, the DOD will use its existing assets including SAC U-2's and SR-71 and DRONE capabilities.

CIA will continue to be responsible for all elements of the CORONA payload program and will deliver certified payloads to Vandenburg for launch which are programmed in accordance with guidance received from the Satellite Operations Center.



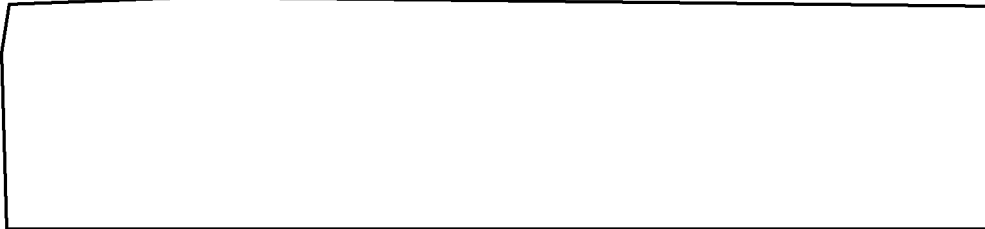
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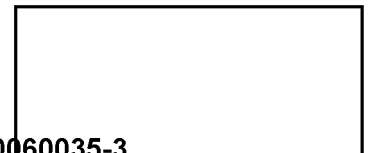


Research an reconnaissance technology and preliminary design of new systems will be encouraged and supported in both CIA and DOD. It will be supported by a lump sum allocation from the NRP to each group at a level to be approved by the Executive Committee. It is intended that these funds and their products will be the flexible cutting edge of the NRP, and their utilization will be left to the initiative of the responsible organizations.

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